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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMMUNICATION ON CYPRUS

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN HANDED "NON-PAPER" ON CYPRUS
TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN ON JUNE 17. NATURE OF RESPONSE
IF ANY, NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY DEPARTMENT.

2. TEXT OF COMMUNICATION FOLLOWS:

--BEGIN TEXT:

-- -- CONCERN IS FELT IN MOSCOW ABOUT UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION
WITH THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN FACT, NO
PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THIS QUESTION. THE REPUBLIC
OF CYPRUS IS ACTUALLY DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, ITS ECONOMY
IS DISORGANIZED, THOUSANDS OF CYPRIOTS HAVE BECOME
REFUGEES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. ISOLATION AND SEPARATION OF
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TWO ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS, INTRODUCED FROM OUTSIDE ARE
BEING AGGRAVATED WHICH DESTROYS THE UNITY AND INTEGRITY OF
THE STATE AND ITS INSTITUTIONS. FOREIGN TROOPS CONTINUE TO
STAY IN CYPRUS IN VIOLATION OF ALL THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN

SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

-- -- AS IS KNOWN CERTAIN HOPES WERE SET ON INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. HOWEVER, UP TO NOW THEY NOT ONLY HAVE SHOWN NO PROGRESS BUT

ARE UNDER THE THREAT OF BREAK-DOWN. MOREOVER ATTEMPTS OF OUTSIDE FORCES HAVE BECOME MORE ACTIVE RECENTLY TO WITHDRAW THE CYPRUS QUESTION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES. AN OBVIOUSLY ABNORMAL SITUATION ARISES WHERE ALONG WITH THE PROCEDURE OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT DEFINED BY THE UN RESOLUTIONS ALL SORTS OF "ARRANGEMENTS" ARE BEING MADE BEHIND CYPRIOTS' BACK, WHICH INSTRUCT THEM WHAT AND HOW THEY SHOULD DO, PLANS ARE BEING ADVANCED OF CONSOLIDATING THE ACTUALLY EXISTING SEPARATION OF THE ISLAND AND THUS LIQUIDATING THE INDEPENDENT CYPRIOT STATE.

-- -- ALL THIS CREATES ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FRICTION AND IS FRAUGHT WITH A NEW DANGEROUS AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND AROUND IT. THOSE WHO ADHERE TO THE POSITIONS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE CANNOT ACCEPT SUCH SITUATION. IT IS NECESSARY, AT LAST, TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS IN ORDER TO PUT INTO PRACTICE THE DECISIONS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CYPRUS, TO ENSURE THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO RELIABLY SAFEGUARD THE STATUS OF CYPRUS FOR THE FUTURE.

--- --- THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE REPEATEDLY PRONOUNCED THEMSELVES IN JOINT DOCUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF PRECISELY SUCH A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

-- -- WE CONTINUE TO OPPOSE RESOLUTELY ANY ATTEMPTS TO SEEK THE WAYS OF CYPRUS SETTLEMENT BEHIND THE BACK OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS IN THE NARROW INTERESTS OF SOME OR OTHER COUNTRIES. THE SOVIET UNION HAS BELIEVED AND CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE BEST POSSIBILITY FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CYPRUS PROBLEM WOULD BE THE CONVOCATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS. AS TO THE INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF THE STATE OF CYPRUS, SUCH QUESTIONS, OF COURSE, SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE CYPRIOTS THEMSELVES ON THE BASIS OF UNCONDITIONAL RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND PROVIDED ALSO THAT REASONABLE ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF THE INTERESTS AND RIGHTS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES ON THE ISLAND.

-- -- MOSCOW CONTINUES TO ADHERE TO THE OPINION THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES ACTING IN A PARALLEL WAY COULD EXERT A SUBSTANTIAL INFLUENCE IN ACHIEVING SUCH A

SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH WOULD BE REALLY JUST
FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS, WOULD AFFIRM THE POSITION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AS AN INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN
AND TERRITORIALLY INTEGRAL STATE AND AT THE SAME TIME
CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THAT REGION. WE ARE

SURE THAT IT WOULD MEET THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF OUR
COUNTRIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE CONSIDERATIONS OF
THE US SIDE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ABOVE STATED.

--END TEXT

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